

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-83 (Cancelled).

84 (Currently amended). A method of forming a fastener product, the method comprising

providing a rotating mold roll having an outer peripheral surface upon which base layer portions of resin may form and having fixed mold cavities shaped to form loop-engageable fastener hook elements on a hook side of the product, the hook elements extending integrally from such base layer portions and having molded free end portions directed generally back toward their respective base layer portions;

introducing ~~in a longitudinal direction separate,~~ spaced apart amounts of molten resin to the mold roll in a manner to fill separated groups of the mold cavities and form respective resin ~~bases~~ base layer portions at the surface of the mold roll[[:]] while introducing a pre-formed, elastically stretchable sheet material to the spaced-apart amounts of resin to laminate in situ a surface of the sheet material to surfaces of the bases resin base layer portions opposite the hook side of the product, the ~~bases~~ base layer portions being spaced-apart from each other and the elastically stretchable sheet material extending laterally across the between resin bases base layer portions such that the ~~surface~~ sheet material is exposed in at least one resin-free region ~~the material extending between the bases~~ base layer portions to provide elastic stretchability to the fastener product;

cooling the resin in the mold cavities to form molded fastener hook elements integrally molded with and extending from the ~~bases~~ base layer portions; and

thereafter, by application of tension to the fastener product being formed, pulling the molded fastener hook elements, including their said molded free end portions, from the fixed mold cavities of the rotating mold roll to separate the molded fastener hook elements from the

mold roll to form an elastically stretchable web product carrying separated groups of fastener hook elements.

85 (Currently amended). The method of claim 84 in which the mold roll has its mold cavities arranged to form longitudinally continuous, transversely spaced apart bands of loop-engageable fastener hook elements, and said sheet material extending transversely between spaced apart bands of the hook elements being elastically stretchable in the transverse direction.

86 (Cancelled).

87 (Currently amended). The method of claim 84 or 85 in which the pre-formed sheet material is elastically stretchable in only a direction that is transverse to the longitudinal direction.

88 (Previously presented). The method of claim 84 in which the elastically stretchable material includes at least a textile component.

89 (Currently amended). The method of claim 88 in which the textile component comprises a stretchable ~~nonwoven~~ material that defines hook-engageable loops.

90 (Currently amended). The method of claim 89 in which the ~~nonwoven~~ material is a nonwoven material which comprises a needled batt of staple fibers which has been stretched substantially in one direction only while the batt has been allowed to neck-in in the cross machine direction, with a binder having an elastomer component stabilizing the material in said stretched state, whereby the material is substantially elastically stretchable in only one direction corresponding to the direction in which it has not been stretched during manufacture.

91 (Cancelled).

92 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 84 in which the resin is introduced in discrete amounts spaced apart in a machine direction to form bases in the form of isolated islands.

93 (Previously presented). The method of claim 84 in which the molded fastener hook elements are molded to have crooks that individually point in a given respective direction.

94 (Currently amended). The method of claim 84 in which the ~~bases~~ base layer portions comprise longitudinally continuous bands of the resin, with longitudinally continuous exposed regions of transversely elastically stretchable sheet material therebetween.

95 (Currently amended). The method of claim 84 in which the fastener hook elements each has ~~have~~ a molded stem that tapers toward its free end ~~outwardly~~ to narrower dimension from a relatively wide width at its base.

96 (Previously presented). The method of claim 84 in which the pre-formed sheet material is stretchable in one direction and relatively inextensible in a perpendicular direction.

97 (Previously presented). The method of claim 84 in which the pre-formed sheet material comprises a layer of thermoplastic elastomer.

98 (Previously presented). The method of claim 84 in which the pre-formed sheet material has at least one side which defines hook-engageable loops exposed for engagement by fastener hook elements.

99 (Currently amended). The method of claim 98 in which the side which defines hook-engageable loops lies on the same side of the pre-formed sheet material as, and closely adjacent to, the bases of the hook elements.

100 (Currently amended). The method of claim 84 in which the pre-formed sheet material comprises multiple layers, including a pre-formed upper layer to which the base layer bases portions are laminated.

101 (Previously presented). The method of claim 100 in which the pre-formed sheet material includes a lower, elastically stretchable layer.

102 (Currently amended). The method of claim 84 wherein the resin-free region of pre-formed sheet material is wider than the ~~bases~~ base layer portions adjoining the resin-free region.

103 (Currently amended). The method of claim 102 wherein said resin-free region is between about two and five times wider than the adjoining ~~bases~~ base layer portions.

104 (New). The method of claim 84 in which the mold roll defines free end portions of fastener hook elements that are oriented in opposite directions.

105 (New). The method of claim 104 in which the opposite directions are aligned with the longitudinal direction of the sheet material.